

REMARKS

As noted in the marked-up version above, please also examine newly added claims 33-73.

Claims 33-73 have been added for the purpose of suggesting an Interference Proceeding under 35 U.S.C. § 41.202 with U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/764,787 having Publication No. 2002/0091538 A1. The present preliminary amendment is being submitted in conjunction with a Suggestion for an Interference.

Claims 33-73 do not add any new subject matter and are fully supported by the specification. For further support of this, the Examiner is directed to the Suggestion of an Interference which includes a table in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 41.202(a)(5).

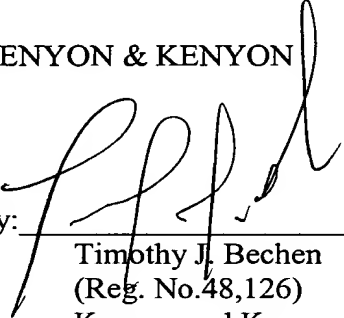
The specification has also been amended to specifically denote the present application claiming priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/224,716 filed on August 11, 2000.

Applicants submit the present application is in condition for Examination and examination on the merits is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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